## REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's time in participating in the interview with Applicants' counsel on June 16, 2004. During this interview, Applicants' counsel and the Examiner discussed the Apte reference and the current claims. What emerged from the discussion was that the Examiner indicated he had taken a broad interpretation of what constituted transactional behavior. Applicants' respectfully submit for the record, as their counsel submitted during the interview, that the terms transactional behavior, transaction policy, and transaction context have a specific meaning in the claims as discussed in the specification. These terms are being used in the context of a system for distributed transaction management such as that defined in the Object Transaction Service (OTS) specification. The focus of the specification and claims is how to manage the determination of whether a particular CORBA-method invocation on a particular server will be treated as a transaction subjected to transactional control on that server. An alternate group of claims also addresses how the "transactional context" may be transmitted using similar, complementary, techniques. In summary, Applicant submits that the claim language related to transactions is limited to distributed transactions subject to transactional control, that the transaction policy defines whether invocation of a specific method will involve the behaviors associated with transactional control (transactional behavior), and that the transactional context is the information described in OTS and similar distributed transaction management approaches which is used to assist in providing transactional control.

Given this understanding of the claim language, Applicants respectfully submit that the art provided in the Office Action does not address the claims of Applicants. In brief summary, the art cited in the Office Action (U.S. Patent No. 6,269,373 hereinafter "Apte") provides no disclosure or teaching of how to set or modify transactional behavior for a CORBA method or of a method for propagating the transactional context in the service context of an IIOP message. Applicants respectfully submit that in light of this more focused understanding of the claim language, Applicants' arguments from the prior response may be read with a better understanding to support this position in more detail.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful in
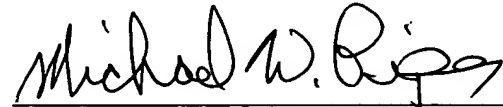
expediting the application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2288.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 21-0765, Sprint.

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